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SUBJECT: Fifth Consecutive Increase in Jordan's Fuel Prices since Liberalization

REFS: A) Amman 1754
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¶1. The Government of Jordan (GOJ) announced new prices of petroleum products, effective July 10. Prices rose by four to nine percent over last month depending on the product, representing the fifth increase since the GOJ liberalized fuel prices in February 2008 (reflets). An interagency committee determines prices based on average international market prices during the preceding 30 days and other costs, such as freight and handling. The GOJ has decided to maintain for an indefinite period the subsidized price of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) for home cooking and heating (ref A).

¶2. Current retail prices of petroleum products in Jordan follow (NOTE: 1 USD = 0.708 JD):

Item	New Price (as of July 10)	Old Price (June 9)	% Change
Premium gasoline, Unleaded (95 Octane)	fils/liter 840 \$/gallon 4.49	805 4.30	4.3%
Regular gasoline Unleaded (90 Octane)	fils/liter 735 \$/gallon 3.93	705 3.77	4.3%
Kerosene	fils/liter 770 \$/gallon 4.12	705 3.77	9.2%
Diesel	fils/liter 770 \$/gallon 4.12	705 3.77	9.2%
Heavy fuel oil (industry)	JD/ton 457 \$/ton 654.48	425 600.28	7.5%
Heavy fuel oil (ships)	JD/ton 486 \$/ton 686.16	450 635.5	8.0%
Jet fuel (local companies)	fils/liter 805 \$/gallon 4.30	765 4.09	5.2%
Jet fuel (foreign companies)	fils/liter 810 \$/gallon 4.30	770 4.09	5.2%
Jet fuel (charter flights)	fils/liter 825 \$/gallon 4.41	785 4.20	5.1%

Asphalt	JD/ton	515	476.7	7.9%
	\$/ton	726.69	673.31	
LPG (12.5 Kg)	6.5 JD/cylinder	No change		
	\$9.18/cylinder			
LPG (50.0 Kg)	46.83 JD/cylinder	N/A		
	\$66.14/cylinder			
LPG (bulk)	937 JD/ton	N/A		
	\$1322.98/cylinder			

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